

# The Grand Bargain

Progress towards implementing the commitments

Summary for the 79<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee



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# 1. Greater transparency



**Commitment achieved:** Since September 2018 UNHCR has **published data** in accordance with the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) standards, and automated this in March 2019.



**Progress:** UNHCR's data including COVID funding is reflected in the IATI humanitarian data portal [www.humportal.org](http://www.humportal.org)



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## 2. More support and funding tools for local and national responders



**Commitment achieved:** UNHCR met its target of transferring 25% or more of its annual programme expenditure **to local responders**. The 2019 figure was **25.8%**.



**Progress:** A new policy adopted on 1 June 2019 redefines UNHCR's contributions towards partner integrity capacity and support costs. The changes include a contribution of **4% for national partner indirect support costs**, and greater discretion in the way in which partners may use this additional resource.



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### 3. Increase the use and coordination of cash-based programming



**Commitment achieved:** In 2019, UNHCR delivered \$646 million in cash assistance, representing 22% of its overall programme expenditure. **Cash assistance was doubled** from the 2015 baseline (\$303 million) and exceeds in-kind assistance and services.



**Progress:** More than 5,000 UNHCR staff have received training on CBIs and joint cash transfer mechanisms are now in place across 25 operations.



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## 4. Reduce duplication and management costs (UNHCR specific achievements)



**Commitment:** expand the **use of biometrics** for refugee registration to 75 country operations by 2020.



**Achievement:** **69 country operations** were using biometric refugee registrations by the end of 2019.



**Commitment:** reduce **cost of procurement and logistics** by 10 per cent by 2020.



**Achievement:** Compared to the 2016 baseline, relative cost of procurement of costs and goods **reduced by 10 per cent** in 2019.



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## Reduce duplication and management costs (UNHCR's contribution as the co-convener of the workstream)



**Commitment:** Harmonization and simplification of partnership arrangements



**Progress:** COVID response accelerated the simplification of NGO partnership arrangements



**Progress:** Interests by other agencies to join the UN Partner Portal currently used by UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP and UNFPA



**Commitment:** Reducing individual donor assessments



**Progress:** Data from 5 largest agencies collected/analysed for 2016-2019



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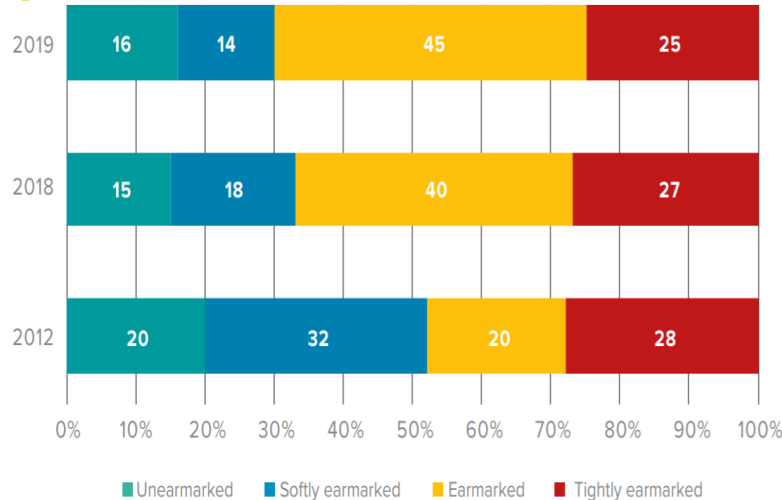
## 8. Reduce the earmarking of donor contributions



**Commitment:** increase the visibility of **unearmarked** and **softly earmarked funding**.



**Earmarking:**



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# Thank You



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